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## Viewing cable 06CAIRO1272, EGYPT: CODEL BERMAN MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
06CAIRO1272	2006-02-28 14:38	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Cairo

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 02/21/2016  
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SUBJECT: EGYPT: CODEL BERMAN MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS

Classified by Ambassador Francis Ricciardone for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

**¶1.** (C) Summary. In a lengthy meeting with visiting Rep. Berman on February 20, Mubarak emphasized that Egypt does not trust Hamas but will wor

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Mubarak on Regional Issues

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**¶2.** (C) During his February 18-23 visit to Egypt, Representative Howard Berman met with President Mubarak, Foreign Minister Aboul Gheit, Parlis

**¶3.** (C) While blaming lack of Israeli support for Abu Mazen for Hamas' success in the elections, Mubarak said that Egypt's relations with Israe

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Mubarak on Ayman Nour

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**¶4.** (C) Mubarak responded defensively and predictably to questions about jailed opposition politician Ayman Nour. As in past discussions, Mubar

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Foreign Minister Aboul Gheit on Iraq, Iran, and Al Manar

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**¶5.** (C) Aboul Gheit told Rep. Berman that the only way to succeed in Iraq is by remaining in place for another 50 years. The USG's mistake, Abc

**¶6.** (C) Aboul Gheit and Rep. Berman agreed that the Iranian nuclear program posed a grave risk. Aboul Gheit said pressure must be maintained, t

**¶7.** (C) Turning to Al Manar, Rep. Berman asked Aboul Gheit to raise the subject with the Information Minister and Aboul Gheit directed his staf

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Minister of Information Al Fikki

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**¶8.** (C) Rep. Berman discussed with Minister of Information Al Fikki broadcasting rights and privatization, future regulatory changes, election

**¶9.** (C) Rep. Berman requested Minister Al Fikki,s support in getting Al Manar off the air because the station incites violence and glorifies su

**¶10.** (C) Al Fikki said that the Egyptian media now leads public opinion and takes every opportunity to promote the relationship between the GOE

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**¶11.** (SBU) Rep. Berman discussed Washington's interest in promoting political pluralism in the Arab world during his February 19 call on Gameel

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Parliament Speaker

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**¶12.** (SBU) During his February 20 meeting with Fathy Surour, Speaker of the People's Assembly, Rep. Berman sought an assessment of current and

**¶13.** (U) The Congressman cleared this message.

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